

### November, 2005 Meeting Update

As the second month of the 2008 Medic 1/EMS Levy Planning process comes to a close, we are enthusiastic and impressed by how quickly and efficiently the Technical Stakeholders have swung into action and delving into the policy issues that will shape the next EMS levy.

To best study the matters affecting advanced life support (ALS) services, basic life support (BLS) services, regional services, and strategic initiatives, we have created 3 subcommittees organized by each of these primary program and service areas. These subcommittees have each developed a workplan to guide their analysis throughout this process, and are systematically working through each important topic to put together levy recommendations for the Stakeholder group to support and approve.

Discussions around developing standardized cost templates and full cost recovery methods have been the focus of the ALS and BLS Subcommittees, while the Regional Services/Strategic Initiatives Subcommittee is examining all of the existing regional programs and considering how they could be enhanced.

The Subcommittee workplans, as well as highlights from Subcommittee and Stakeholders meetings, are available by contacting Helen Chatalas at 206-296-4598, or via e-mail at [Helen.Chatalas@metrokc.gov](mailto:Helen.Chatalas@metrokc.gov). We are also working to have these documents accessible at the EMS homepage.

The following meetings have been scheduled:

- December 7, 2005**      *Special* RS/SI Subcommittee Meeting – 10AM-12PM.  
Location TBD, but trying to secure Mercer Island Fire Station #91, 3030 78<sup>th</sup> Ave SE - **WE WILL DISCUSS DISPATCH ISSUES.**
- December 8, 2005**      BLS Subcommittee Meeting – 1:30PM-3:30PM.  
Mercer Island Fire Station #91, 3030 78<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
**WE WILL REVIEW FINANCES AND THE REVISED COST TEMPLATE**
- December 20, 2005**      ALS Subcommittee Meeting – 1PM-3PM.  
Kirkland Fire Station #22, 6602 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Kirkland  
**WE WILL REVIEW THE REVISED COST TEMPLATE, PROPOSED UNIT PROJECTION METHODOLOGY AND ANNUALIZED COSTING.**
- December 22, 2005**      *Special* RS/SI Subcommittee Meeting – 10AM-12PM.  
Location TBD, but trying to secure Mercer Island Fire Station #91, 3030 78<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
**WE WILL DISCUSS TRAINING AND QI/QA**
- January 5, 2006** Stakeholders Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month – 1:00PM-3:00PM  
Renton Fire District #14, 1900 Lind Ave SW

If you have any questions or comments regarding the levy process, please contact Helen Chatalas at (206) 296-4598.